tees, old and new, before increasing the number. The number of non-official members has been largely increased in all the Committees, and they now constitute the majority in every one of them, as the following figures will shew :—

Name of Committee.	Total number of members, excluding the President.	Number of officials.	Number of non-officials.
Trivandrum ...	10	3	7
Kottayam ...	9	3	6
Nagercoil ...	9	3	6
Quilon ...	9	3	6
Alleppey ...	9	3	6
Alwaye ...	9	3	6
Kayankulam ...	9	2	7
Thiruvalla ...	9	2	7
Vaikom ...	9	3	6
Shencotta ...	9	2	7
Colachel ...	9	2	7
Padmanabhapuram ...	9	2	7
Changanacherri ...	9	2	7
Parur ...	9	2	7
Neyyattinkara ...	9	2	7
Kuzhithura ...	9	2	7
Mavelikara ...	9	2	7
Haripad ...	9	2	7
Attingal ...	9	2	7

Also, in the older Committees of Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon, Alleppey and Kottayam, and the new Committees of Shencotta and Kayankulam, the non-official members are now being wholly elected by the rate-payers. The powers of the Committees in regard to financial matters have been widened; and the Government grants to them have been guaranteed for a period of five years. So far, the work of most of the Committees is characterised by an amount of caution and sobriety which augurs well for their future. Taking all the Committees together, they began with a balance of Rs. 30,200, received Government grants aggregating to Rs. 42,200, raised by local taxation Rs. 63,400, expended Rs. 94,300, and closed with a balance of Rs. 41,500. The receipts from local taxation alone rose from Rs. 42,500 in 1087 to Rs. 63,400 in 1088.

22. **Medical.**—There were no changes worth mentioning in the Medical Department or in the management of the Vaidyasalas.

EDUCATION.

23. Education made progress during the year. The total number of the recognised schools rose from 1,698 to 1,763, and their strength from 1,78,775 pupils to 2,04,971. Of the total number of the recognised schools, about half the number, 828, were departmental institutions, and they accounted for 65% of the total strength. Taking the school-going population as 15% of the total population, 40% of the children of school-going age were under instruction in a recognised school, against 35% in the previous year. There was a strengthening of the Government schools of all grades during the year. Two new Professors were secured for His Highness the Maha Raja's College and steps were taken for organising the Honors' Courses in English Literature and History in that college. In the secondary schools, the liberal revision of the salaries of the teachers, sanctioned at the close of 1087, was brought into effect during the year, and it attracted a large number of graduates and trained teachers to these schools. The revision of the staff of the elementary schools was

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